

WE WANT TO KEEP ALL CHILDREN SAFE FROM PREDATORS AND MOLESTERS. ENCOURAGE OUR CHILDREN TO BE ALERT, RECOGNIZE, TRUST AND FOLLOW THEIR OWN INSTINCTS.

For the Younger Children

- Parents should make sure that their children remember their own name, address and phone number.
- Do not put your child's name on clothing or backpacks where it can be seen by everybody. (This will insure that a stranger cannot call your child by their name.)
- Teach them how to dial 911 and advise the operator of their age and that they need help.
- Teach your children not to accept rides and gifts from strangers. Tell them it's OK to say no.
- Teach your children to get permission before getting a ride or going anywhere with someone.
- Have a plan in case your child gets separated from you in public.
- Teach your children to stay in groups with their friends when going anywhere.
- Parent and child need to agree on a simple code word for emergency situations. A trusted adult who knows the code word can pick up your child, and your child knows it is OK to go with them.
- Parents need to provide their children's contact information (phone numbers where they can be reached, including home, office & cell phone).

For older Children - The 4 W's (Where - Who - What - When)

- **Where** are you going?
- **Who** are you going with? Who is taking you?
- **What** will you be doing?
- **When** will you be home?
- Insure that their cell phone has a fully charged battery. If they do not have a cell phone get a phone number where they can be reached.